

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of October 26, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendments:

independent claims 1, 19 and 38 are amended to specify that the heater elements are elongate strips suspended between corresponding electrodes on opposite sides of the bubble forming chamber, and that the heater elements and associated electrodes are arranged so that the electrodes are non-coincident. Support for this amendment can be found in pending dependent claim 40 and at page 19, lines 11-13 of the present specification;

dependent claim 40 is cancelled; and

dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-15, 18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27-34, 37, 39 and 42-54 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the recitations of amended independent claims 1, 19 and 38 are clear with respect to the heater elements and electrodes currently recited in pending claim 40, which is has been cancelled.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-discussed amended independent claims 1, 19 and 38, and claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-15, 18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27-34, 37, 39 and 42-54 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by newly cited Manaka (JP 07-5943), Andrews et al. (US 6,568,792) and Hiramatsu et al. (US 6,967,312) either taken alone or in combination with one another or with any one or more of previously cited Silverbrook, Otsuka, Rausch, Kubby and De Moor, because none of the cited references teach or suggest multiple heater elements in each chamber having associated electrodes

which are non-coincident with electrodes of the other heater elements, as is required by amended independent claims 1, 19 and 38.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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